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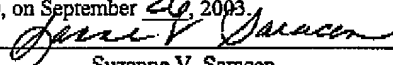
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Valint et al.
Application No. : 10/005,560
Filed : 11/08/2001
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Examiner : Sellers
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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

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Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 23, 2003. Enclosed is a resubmitted "Amendment to the Claims" section of applicants' amendment document.

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